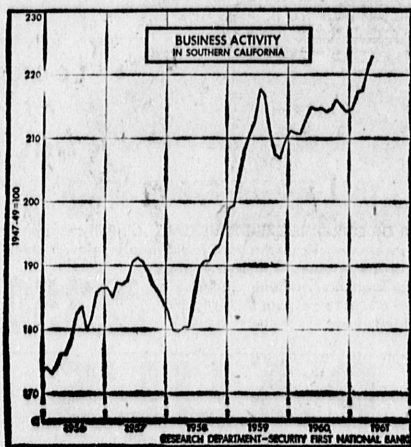




SUMMER SHOW . . . Bing Bong Space Clown will present the next in the series of the Wood PTA summer shows. The show is slated for next Wednesday at 1 and 1:45 p.m. in the Wood Cafetorium, 2250 W 235th St. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Bing Bong is a former Walt Disney cartoonist and TV performer in San Diego. He will feature a puppet contest, balloon capers, magic tricks and cartoon films.



Security Banks Report Business Peak for May in Southern Calif.

For the fifth consecutive month, Southern California's business activity continued at record levels, establishing a new all-time high in May, James J. Weigel, manager of Security First National Bank's Torrance branch, reported this week.

The bank's "Monthly Summary of Business Conditions" pointed out that the business index for the area climbed to 222.9 (preliminary), up 1.9 per cent from the April high, and 3.7 per cent over the same year-ago level, Weigel said.

TEN OF the index's 14 components advanced between April and May, Weigel noted, with bank deposits, real estate and man-hours worked, all showing solid gains.

Unemployment as a whole fell slightly between April and May. The unemployment increases in the Los Angeles-Long Beach and San Diego metropolitan areas were offset by declines elsewhere in the Southland, the bank stated.

SINCE A SMALL increase in unemployment is ordinarily expected in the Los Angeles area at this time of year, the recent rise was about in line with the usual pattern.

With the exception of the San Bernardino-Riverside area, employment in the various metropolitan areas of the state's southern half increased regularly.

BUILDING and construction in the local 14-county area climbed in May to the highest level ever recorded in a single month, Security said. Total volume amounted to \$375,160,000. On a seasonally adjusted basis, that was equivalent to over \$4.2 billion a year—also a record high.

According to the bank's research department, the impressive showing during May was



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Poor Sanitation Holds Typhoid Threat for Nation's Travelers

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Typhoid fever is an acute contagious disease of enteric (intestinal) origin that was fatal in about 10 per cent of the cases that occurred prior to the antibiotic era. Even today some 2 to 3 per cent of the individuals who contract the disease fail to recover. Although modern sanitary controls have largely eliminated outbreaks of the disease in Los Angeles County and in most of the United States, those persons who travel in areas where sanitation is poor definitely run the risk of acquiring the disease unless protected against it.

Since the primary source of infection is always the excreta of infected human beings, it is not without cause that typhoid

fever is sometimes called a filth-borne disease. The many ways in which the infectious material, chiefly bowel and kidney discharges, may be transmitted from an infected person to the mouth of a well individual may be difficult to trace, but the infection is mainly spread through drinking water in areas of poor sanitation and, less frequently, through dairy products and other foods contaminated with the typhoid bacilli.

IN AREAS where sanitary controls are lax, for instance, shellfish may be unsafe to eat because they are obtained from water polluted with sewage, while in other parts of the world the consumption of fruits and vegetables that have been in contact with soil con-

taminated by human excreta can be equally hazardous. Under poor sanitary conditions, flies may also carry the organisms and so be a means of spreading the infection.

It is generally about 10 to 14 days after the typhoid bacilli enters the body that symptoms of illness appear. These include abdominal pain, chilliness, diarrhea or constipation, nosebleed, persistent and severe headache, and a steadily rising temperature.

DURING THE second week of illness in the untreated or classical case of typhoid fever, a specific rash (rose spots) often appear on the abdomen and chest and all symptoms become aggravated. Barring complications, the patient would usually start feeling bet-

ter in the fourth week.

Antibiotic therapy has greatly changed the course of the classical case of typhoid fever however. When medical attention is obtained promptly and specific drugs administered by the physician following diagnosis, the infection may be brought under control within a short time, and a dramatic improvement in the patient's condition may be evident in about a week.

THERE ARE some cases of typhoid fever in which the attack is so mild that the individual may not even be confined to bed or, in others, the infection may never even be noticed. But, whether severe, light, or undetectable, a high degree of resistance to the disease follows infection.

Certain individuals who have recovered from typhoid fever or have been infected with typhoid organisms at some time during their lives, may be typhoid carriers; that is, they carry the infective agents in their bodies, although apparently well. When such persons are closely supervised by health officials, they are not usually considered a health hazard. There are areas in the world, however, where these individuals present a real health problem.

Because typhoid fever is of infrequent occurrence in most cities and towns of the United States, wholesale vaccination of the population is not recommended as it is, for example, in the case of poliomyelitis. Exception is made of course in those instances where there is a typhoid carrier in the household or where there is a known exposure to the infection.

HOWEVER, when vacations are planned in suspected areas, which include some rural areas in America as well as certain foreign countries, vaccination against typhoid fever is considered advisable for everybody over the age of one.

A pamphlet giving additional information on typhoid fever will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Division of Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

Square Dance Group Holds Party Tonight

The Square Links, a square dancing group organized in the Torrance area, will hold a special party at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave., tonight. Dancing will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. with Harry Hopkins as the caller.

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